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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Ghana*: draft resolution

Strengthening information systems for Africa's recovery and sustainable development

The General Assembly,

Aware of the importance of information systems and technology for Africa's recovery and sustainable development,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/42 of 29 July 1994 in which the Council invited the General Assembly to review the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 with a view to permitting the delivery of the activities of the subprogramme of the Economic Commission for Africa on statistical and information systems development and also recalling General Assembly decision 48/453 of 21 December 1993 in which the Assembly agreed to ensure the provision of adequate staffing and resources in the subprogramme,

Decides to endorse resolution 789 (XXIX) of 4 May 1994 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa, in which the Ministers call for the creation of three Professional posts at appropriate levels in the Commission's subprogramme on statistical and information systems development, so as to permit the delivery of activities on information systems development.

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

Ghana*: draft resolution

Programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/177 of 22 December 1992, in which it adopted the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa, and its decision 48/456 of 21 December 1993 endorsing Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/66 of 30 July 1993,

Recalling also the Mauritius Declaration on Africa's Accelerated Industrial Recovery and Development in the context of the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1993-2002) and Beyond, adopted by the Conference of African Ministers of Industry at its eleventh meeting,

Taking cognizance of the establishment of the African Economic Community and the need to ensure its operation,

Recalling further the resolutions adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization at its fifth session, in particular, resolution 12 on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa, resolution 16 on the industrialization of the least developed countries and resolution 20, containing the Yaoundé Declaration which emphasized that the Organization should pay special attention to the industrialization of the least developed countries and accord high priority to the industrialization of Africa and to the realization of the objectives of the Second Industrial Decade for Africa;

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1. Takes note of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa; 1/

2. Reaffirms the importance of industrialization as a dynamic instrument of growth, essential to sustainable economic and social development of developing countries, particularly in Africa;

3. Considers industrial development to be an important vehicle for poverty eradication, income and employment generation, social integration and vertical diversification;

4. Recognizes the need for increasing the integration of African industry in world manufacturing and, for that purpose, calls for the support of the international community in achieving the goals of the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa;

5. Also recognizes the responsibility of the African countries in the implementation of the Decade and calls upon them to continue to undertake appropriate measures and actions towards achieving its goals;

6. Requests the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to give full assistance to improving the competitiveness of the industrial sector in Africa and to formulating measures to improve it in the light of the conclusion of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations;

7. Also requests the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, in cooperation with the African Development Bank and other subregional, regional and international financial and banking institutions, to provide support, especially in the development of new mechanisms and facilities aimed at mobilizing resources and promoting foreign direct investment to African countries;

8. Calls upon the Economic Commission for Africa and the Organization of African Unity to facilitate cooperation with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in order to provide support to improving African industrial cooperation and to integrating the African Economic Community into the industrial sphere, particularly in the areas of industrial policy, technology, human resource development, industrial investment, small-scale industries, enterprise development and institutional infrastructure, all of these being essential for poverty eradication, employment generation, social integration, and vertical integration;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session.

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